

1Samuel 17

Key Verse: v.47

Key Word: Sling – v.40

X-Ref: 1Samuel 21:9; Hebrews

11:33 Paraphrase: David slays

Goliath. Examining the Text:

- 1) Who are the major players in this chapter? David, Goliath, Saul, Abner, and Eliab.
- 2) What is a “weaver’s beam”? “A large beam used in the construction of a loom for weaving textiles. The weaver’s beam provides the framework for Stretching the warp threads and maintaining tension during the weaving process.” – Logos Bible Study Factbook.
- 3) Why was David’s brother angry with him? He said it was because he left the sheep, but David rightly notes that it was his words – v.29.
- 4) Goliath thought that he was the giant, but David knew the truth. Who was the real giant? God was the real giant in this story – vv.26, 36, 45-47.

1Samuel 18

Key Verse: vs.28-29

Key Word: Angry – v.8, enemy v.29.

X-Ref: 1Samuel 16:14; Psalm 91:7; 1Samuel 23:17

Paraphrase: Jonathon and David become fast friends. Saul attempts to snare David. David is successful in all that he does.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Dig Deep: What did Jonathan’s gifts to David likely represent? Jonathan stripping himself of his royal robe could have been him renouncing his place as heir to the throne in recognition of David’s divine election – 1Samuel 23:17. The gift of his armor and weapons could have been symbolic of him submitting to David’s rule. – The Bible Knowledge Commentary.
- 2) List instances in this chapter where Saul’s motives were evil towards David. Saul tries to pin David to the wall – v.11. Saul thinks to allow the Philistines to harm David – vs. 17 and 25. Saul wants to give David his daughter as a wife and snare him – v.21.

1Samuel 19

Key Verse: v.2

Key Word: Prophecy – vs.18-24

X-Ref: 1Samuel 16:14; Psalm 59:1-17 Paraphrase:

Saul tried not to kill David again!

Examining the Text:

- 1) What argument does Jonathan use to convince his father not to kill David? The Lord saved Israel through David. It would be evil to kill him – v.5.
- 2) What New Testament event can we parallel with Jonathan’s argument? The formerly blind man in John 9 makes the argument that Jesus wouldn’t be able to do those things if God had not been with him. Like Saul, they eventually would seek to kill Him. – John 9:18-34
- 3) How many times has Saul prophesied now? Twice – 1Samuel 10.

1Samuel 20

Key Verse: v.31

Key Word: Anger

X-Ref: Acts 20:37

Paraphrase: David and Jonathan devise a plan to determine if Saul wants to kill David.

Examining the Text:

- 1) What oath did Jonathan ask of David? That David would deal kindly with him when David was king – vs.16-17.
- 2) What did Saul’s anger signal to Jonathan? That he intended to harm David – v.7.
- 3) Some suggest that the kiss in verse 41 proves that this was a homosexual relationship. Research this verse and discuss your findings. “A customary ancient Near Eastern sign of familial love, goodwill, and friendship used in greetings, farewells, and blessings (Genesis 29:13, Exodus 45:27; Ruth 1:9; Acts 20:37).

1Samuel 21

Key Verse: v.6 & 9

Key Word: Afraid – v.12.

Week Thirty-seven

Daily Bible Study - Answers

1Samuel 17-23

X-Ref: Matthew 12:3; Leviticus 24:9; 1Samuel 22:18-22 Paraphrase:

David flees to Achish.

Examining the Text:

- 1) What lie did David tell Ahimelech? That he was sent by the king – v.2.
- 2) What bread was David given? The bread of Presence. This would have been the bread that was removed and replaced at the end of the week – v.6. (Leviticus 24:9)
- 3) David flees to Gath and was noticed by the king. What infamous enemy of Israel was from Gath? Goliath – 1Samuel 17.

1Samuel 22

Key Verse: v.16

Key Word: death – v.22

X-Ref: Psalm 52

Paraphrase: David escapes to the cave of Adullam. Examining the Text:

- 1) Describe the people who gathered around David. The distressed, those in debt, and those bitter in soul – v.2.
- 2) Who did Saul use to murder 85 Levites? Doeg the Edomite – vs.18-19.
- 3) Who escaped to tell David? Abiathar, the son of Ahimelech – v.20. 1Samuel 23

Key Verse: vs.16-17

Key Word: Seek – v.14; Search – v.23

X-Ref: John 10:32

Paraphrase: David saves the city of Keilah as God commanded.

Examining the Text:

1. What notable action does David take prior to saving Keilah? He asks God what he should do - vs.1-2.
2. Did saving Keilah aid David's situation? No. It revealed to Saul where he was. David likely knew this would happen but saved them anyway.
3. While Saul was focused on trying to kill David every day, what happened back home? The Philistines attacked in Israel – v.27.